

REMARKS:Status

After this response, new claims 40 to 59 are pending. Claims 1 to 5, 7, 8, 12 to 18, 20, 21, 25 to 31, 33, 34, 38 and 39 have been cancelled. Claims 40, 50, and 55 are the independent claims. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections

All previously pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,850,593 (Uratani) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,122,513 (Bassirat) or over Uratani in view of Bassirat and U.S. Patent No. 6,049,533 (Norman). All rejected claims have been cancelled, rendering these rejections moot.

New Claims

Applicant has added new claims that are believed to be distinguishable over the art that has been applied in this case. In this regard, new independent claim 40 recites the following:

40. A method of controlling communication between a base station controller and customer premises equipment, comprising steps of:
selecting, by said base station controller, one or more access points between said base station controller and said customer premises equipment for sending a message;
controlling, by said base station controller, physical parameters and media access control parameters for said access points;

controlling, by said access points, routing and switching of said message to or from said customer premises equipment; and

sending said message through said access points from said base station controller to said customer premises equipment or from said customer premises equipment to said base station controller.

Applicant does not believe that the applied art shows the division of control between the base station controller and the access points recited by the claim. The other new independent claims also recite this division of control, albeit in slightly different form.

For at least these reasons, the new independent claims and their dependent claims are believed to be allowable. Such action is respectfully requested.

Closing

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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